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Police

Alleged parade of a number of reserve police in Kuppam.

* 578 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in or about August last, the District Superintendent of Police of Chittoor brought down a number of police reserve to Kuppam; if so, how long did they stay there, and why; and

(*b*) whether he paraded them through the streets of Kuppam; if so, for how many days, and why?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 328.

(*b*) The reserve party was marched through the streets to their training ground in the ordinary course of duty.

Arrest and prosecution of toddy shop picketers in Kuppam under section 107, *Criminal Procedure Code.*

* 579 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mr. Radhakrishna Chetti was threatened by the police to take away his employees from picketing;

(*b*) whether toddy shop picketers at Kuppam were arrested and put up under section 107 of the Criminal Procedure Code for not having stopped picketing; and

(*c*) whether the traders in Kuppam were threatened by the police with loss to their business, if they did not stop their picketing?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Ten persons against whom there is evidence of intimidation in connexion with picketing have been proceeded against under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code.

(*c*) No.

[For further list of starred questions, please see page 511 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

General

Picketing of liquor shops in Kuppam, Chittoor district.

580 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the picketing of liquor shops commenced in Kuppam, Chittoor district, and whether, and, if so, when it was considered objectionable by the Police or the Magistracy and on what grounds;

(*b*) whether the District Superintendent of Police issued an order that not more than five persons should picket the entrances to the toddy shops in Kuppam, and if so, when, why and under what authority;

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(c) whether the Superintendent further issued an order prohibiting all processions of volunteers to and from toddy shops and, if so, why and under what authority; and

(d) whether any toddy shops in Kuppam were burnt and, if so, by whom they were suspected by the Government to have been burnt and on what grounds?

A.—(a) As criminal cases arising out of certain incidents at Kuppam are still pending, the Government are not prepared to answer the question at present.

(b) Yes, on the 14th August 1931, on his own authority but with the approval of the District Magistrate, in the interests of the public peace.

(c) The District Superintendent of Police issued an order under section 30 (2) of the Police Act V of 1861, prohibiting processions without a licence obtained from him. It was issued because the situation in Kuppam was such that there was a danger of a breach of the peace.

(d) One toddy shop was burnt. The Government have no information as to the person or persons responsible. No charge has been laid.

Alleged obstruction to bridal processions of the Viswabrahmans in the Ongole taluk.

581 Q.—Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in some villages of the taluk of Ongole in Guntur district, caste Hindus are obstructing Viswabrahmans from enjoying the elementary rights of carrying the bridal pairs in processions in palanquins through the streets of villages at the time of marriage and other ceremonial occasions; and

(b) if the information is not available whether the Government would be pleased to call for a report from the Tahsildar and lay it on the table?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information but have called for it.

[For further list of unstarred questions, please see page 524 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Local Self-Government

Superstructures built in the prohibited zone of Hospet municipality since the promulgation of the prohibitory order.

* 582 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of buildings, huts and other structures respectively that have been built in the prohibited zone of Hospet municipal limits, after the promulgation of the order barring the construction of dwelling houses thereon;